

Farington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8 April 2019 at Bashall Grove Community Centre following the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.00pm

Present:- Councillor Graham Walton (Chairman); Councillor Mike Otter (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Roy Clarke; Councillor Dave Moore; Councillor Alan Pearmain; Councillor Paul Wharton and Councillor Mrs Karen Walton.

In attendance:- Sue Whittam - Clerk to the Council
Tony Stirland – South Ribble Borough Council
Daniel Leigh (Leyland Albion Chairman)
Phil Howarth (Leyland Albion Treasurer)
Michael Rossall (Lostock St Gerards Vice Chairman)
County Councillor Michael Green
4 members of the public

95. (18/19) Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health and Safety Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mike Langley. The Chairman, Councillor Graham Walton briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting.

96. (18/19) Declarations of interest

None.

97. (18/19) Minutes of the Last Meeting

It was noted that Minute 96 Traffic Issues – School Lane should read Councillor Roy Clarke instead of Councillor Ron Clarke.

Resolved

That, subject to the amendment above, the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 March 2019, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

98. (18/19) Planning Item

The Parish Council gave consideration to the consultation on the Draft Development Brief for the Warren on Broadfield Drive which had been deferred from the last meeting in order to allow Councillors' the opportunity to study the consultation. It was agreed that the Parish Council had no comments to make on the consultation.

Resolved

That the Parish Council has no comments to make on the Draft Development Brief for the Warren on Broadfield Drive.

99. (18/19) Projects for Expenditure 2019/2020

Welcome to Farington Signs – update. Councillor Mike Otter reported that the concrete pads for the signs had now been installed and hopefully the sign would be put in place in the next week or so dependant on the weather.

Adult Outdoor Gym (mats) – There was nothing further to report on this, however it was suggested that the Parish Council may wish to discuss purchasing further equipment.

Woodland Area – Farington Park. There was nothing further to report on this, however further planting schemes would be implemented as appropriate.

Bashall Grove/Mill Street entrance feature – update. It was noted that this project was almost complete as reported under the Annual Parish Meeting.

Stanifield Lane Crossing – it was agreed that this should be deferred until the May meeting of the Parish Council.

A number of further projects were suggested for discussion at the May meeting: - Stanifield Lane crossing as above; Farington signs replacement of sign on Chain House Lane; crossing on Croston Road near School Lane; defibrillators; adult gym equipment for Farington park.

100. (18/19) Financial Matters

Resolved

1) It was noted that we had approximately around £53,594.58 (bank statement up to 9 March 2019) in the bank.

It was noted that since the last meeting we had paid: -

11/03/19 – JWM Otter reimbursement for frame and brush as agreed at the last meeting £8.49. (Cheque no 100813).

11/03/19 – Farington South Senior Citizens grant as agreed at the last meeting £100. (Cheque no 100814).

11/03/19 – Clerk expenses website domain renewal, Norton Anti virus and postage – total £193.95 as agreed at the last meeting. (Cheque no 100815).

22/03/19 – C & W Berry Ltd for Lengthsmen’s materials, 10 invoices total £855.04. (Cheque no 100816).

22/03/19 – South Ribble Borough Council, 5 invoices, Annual Licence fee for Farington Park £423; Annual charge for bins on BTR field £910.69; emptying of dog bins for February 2019 £251.86; emptying of dog bins for January 2019 £314.82 and emptying of dog bins for December 2018 £251.86 = total £2,152.23 (Cheque no 100817).

29/03/19 – Peter Heise Lengthsman wages £810; soil, tool hire, plants £271.02 = total £1,008.02. (Cheque no 100818).

01/04/19 - HMRC Q4 Tax and NI £575.59 (Cheque no 100819).

It was noted that we have paid British Gas for electricity BTR field 22 Feb (£81.76); and water 6 March (£230.87). Nest Pension payment £32.78 on 7 March (direct debits).

2) The following invoice was approved for payment: -

LALC Annual Subscription - £801.39

3) The Parish Council approved the appointment of Donna Kidd as the internal auditor at a cost of £60.

101. (18/19) Borough Council reports – for information only

Councillor Mrs Karen Walton informed the Parish Council that the Bob In café was proving to be very popular and successful. She also said that South Ribble Borough Council was working with local businesses and shops to help people with Dementia and had formed a Dementia alliance.

Councillor Paul Wharton said that together with County Councillor Michael Green they were looking at a No Cold Calling area in Farington. He also said that South Ribble Borough Council were refurbishing some of the local bus shelters by providing new seating and side panels. A community skip day was also being organised for East Street/School Street.

The Chairman, Councillor Graham Walton said that there were ongoing issues with Heatherleigh which he was currently dealing with.

102. (18/19) Clerk's Report – For information only

There was nothing further for the Clerk to report.

103. (18/19) Next Meeting

It was noted that the Annual Parish Council Meeting would be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 20 May at St Paul's CE Primary School, Croston Road, Farington Moss.

Local Government Act 1972

That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information which is described in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 which is specified against the heading to each item, and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

104. BTR Field (Para 3)

The Clerk confirmed that she had served notice on Leyland United Football Club to vacate the BTR field and return the keys and the final date for their use of the field was 18 May 2019.

The Clerk referred to the Annual Parish Meeting when representatives from Leyland Albion and Lostock Hall St Gerard's Football Clubs had been in attendance. It was noted that both Clubs would like to use the BTR field with Leyland Albion having used the small pitch for a number of seasons. It was further noted that Lostock Hall St Gerard's was looking to set up a number of teams in Farington and would be known as Farington St Gerard's. The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the lease for the field was due to end in May 2020 and at the present time the Parish Council had no indication on whether the lease would be extended.

Councillor David Moore said that he was aware that the field had also been sub-let by Leyland United to Earnshaw Bridge and this was not allowed under the terms of the lease. Councillor David Moore said he was happy to act as the liaison point with the football clubs even though he would not be a member of the Parish Council after 2 May 2019.

After discussion it was agreed that Leyland Albion Football Club could continue to use the small pitch on BTR field until May 2020, and that Lostock Hall (Farington) St Gerard's Football Club could use the larger pitch until May 2020. This was on the understanding that both Clubs were responsible for the maintenance of the field, except for the hedge cutting which was carried out by South Ribble Borough Council with agreement of the Parish Council. It was further agreed that Councillor David Moore would be the liaison contact between the Parish Council and both football clubs and he would attend the next Parish Council meeting to provide an update.

The Parish Council further agreed that if the lease was extended on the BTR field then they would review the current situation with both Football Clubs at that time.

The Chairman, Councillor Graham Walton thanked Councillor David Moore for volunteering to be the point of contact and also thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Resolved

- 1) That Leyland Albion Football Club are allowed to continue using the small pitch on the BTR field until May 2020 and that Lostock Hall (Farington) St Gerard's Football Club are allowed to use the larger pitch until May 2020. This was on the understanding that both Clubs were responsible for the maintenance of the field, except for the hedge cutting which was carried out by South Ribble Borough Council with agreement of the Parish Council.
- 2) That approval is given to Councillor David Moore to be the liaison contact between the Parish Council and both football clubs and he would attend the next Parish Council meeting to provide an update.
- 3) In the event that the lease is extended beyond May 2020, the Parish Council agreed to review the current situation with both Football Clubs at that time.